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Indian high school and college students will gather at Montana State University May 1, 2 and 3 for the second annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference, according to Gary Kimble of Elliston, chairman.

Kimble, an enrollee of the Fort Belknap reservation and a journalism major at MSU, said the conference theme is "A Modern Vision Quest." Its purposes are to organize Indian students of the region, to introduce Indian high school students to the campus and stimulate their interest in going to college, and to increase understanding between Indians and non-Indians.

The three-day program will include talks and panel discussions on Indian problems and prospects by tribal leaders, Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel, educators and clergymen.

Students planning the conference are asking for the support of the tribal councils on the seven Montana reservations, Kimble said. Campus groups participating are Cosmopolitan Club, Sigma Kappa sorority, and the MSU Social Welfare Workshop.

Campus advisers are Dr. Frank C. Abbott, academic vice president of MSU; A. C. Cogswell, dean of students, and Drs. Harold Tascher and Carling Malouf of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Welfare.

Working with Kimble on the student committee are Harold Gray, Missoula; Gerald Gray, Pat Head and Reis Fisher, all of Browning; Ed Harris, Forsyth, and Joyce Matt, St. Ignatius.

The first Northwest Indian Youth Conference was held at Montana State College last May, Kimble notes.

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